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Pennsylvania 2002 Vegetable Production

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's vegetable farmers harvested 15,700 acres of sweet corn for fresh market in 2002 with production totaling 628,000 cwt., according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. This is 10 percent less than the 2001 production for fresh market. Average value of fresh market sweet corn was \$31.80 per cwt., \$5.30 per cwt. more than the price received in 2001. Production for processed sweet corn amounted to 6,660 tons, a increase of 36 percent from 2001's production. The average value for processed sweet corn decreased from \$105.00 per ton in 2001 to \$77.30 per ton in 2002.

Nationally, 248,800 acres of sweet corn was harvested for fresh market in 2002 and 419,900 acres were harvested for processing. Fresh market production totaled 26.4 million cwt. and was valued at \$20.10 per cwt. Processing production totaled 3.0 million tons in 2002 with an average value of \$68.20 per ton. Forty-six percent of the processing production was utilized for canning and 54 percent was for freezing.

Pennsylvania's 2002 fresh market tomato production was estimated at 701,000 cwt., up 31 percent from 2001. Area harvested was 4,100 acres. The average value was \$23.80 per cwt.

United States' production of fresh market tomatoes was 37.3 million cwt. in 2002, a 5 percent increase from 2001. Area harvested was 124,900 acres. Average value of tomatoes for fresh market was \$31.40 per cwt. In Pennsylvania, 7,500 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2002. Total production was 20,340 tons with an average value of \$215.00 per ton. Strawberry production harvested from 1,300 acres for fresh market and processing was 73,000 cwt., down 15 percent from 2001. Average value per cwt. was \$137.00.

At the U.S. level, 210,100 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2002. Total production increased from 695,190 to 831,260 tons. Canning utilized 575,690 tons of the production. Average value decreased from \$161.00 per ton in 2001 to \$152.00 in 2002. U.S. strawberry production in 2002 was 19.7 million cwt., 19 percent increase from 2001. Acreage harvested was 47,600; the average value per cwt. was \$61.90.

Pennsylvania's 2002 fresh market cabbage production was estimated at 342,000 cwt. Area harvested was 1,800 acres. The average value was \$13.30 per cwt. Pennsylvania's cantaloupe production for fresh market was 130,000 cwt. Total acreage harvested was 1,300. The average value per cwt. was \$22.00 in 2002.

Nationally, 77,080 acres of cabbage were harvested for fresh market in 2002. Fresh market production totaled 24.4 million cwt. and was valued at \$12.60 per cwt. U.S. fresh market cantaloupe production totaled 23 million cwt. in 2002 with an average value of \$17.60 per cwt. There were 93,900 acres harvested.

Pennsylvania's 2002 fresh market and processed pumpkin production was estimated at 1,170,000 cwt. Area harvested was 7,500 acres. The average value was \$14.10 per cwt.

Nationally, 37,600 acres of pumpkins were harvested for fresh market and processing in 2002. Total production was 7.9 million cwt. and was valued at \$10.50 per cwt.